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SUBJ: EXPANSION OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE ( OSC)

REF: USUN 2339

1. IN OSC'S JUNE 28 GENERAL DEBATE ARGENTINA ADVOCATED SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF OSC TO ACCOMMODATE, ACCORDING TO ARGENTINA REP, INTEREST OF MANY NON- MEMBERS IN JOINING COMMITTEE. PREVIOUSLY SEVERAL DELS INFORMALLY RAISED QUESTION OF OSC EXPANSION WITH US.

2. JAPANESE REPORTED THAT PRC HAD RECENTLY SHOWN RENEWED INTEREST IN OSC, ASKING THEM FOR ACCOUNT OF HOW COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES OPERATED. PRC, HOWEVER, HAD NOT EXPLICITLY TOLD JAPANESE THEY WISHED TO JOIN. CANADIAN MISSION HAS HAD PARALLEL TALK WITH CHINESE MISSION.

3. DURING OSC SESSION SEVERAL WE DELS HAVE REPORTED AWARENESS OF FRG INTEREST IN JOINING COMMITTEE ( REFTEL). BELGIUM ADDED THAT NETHERLANDS ALSO WISHED TO JOIN.

4. IN JUNE 26 LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AMONG US, INDIAN, EGYPTIAN AND ITALIAN DELS INDIAN DEL BROUGHT UP  
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SUBJECT, STATING VIEW THAT ANY INITIATIVE TO ENLARGE OSC WOULD ENVITABLY LEAD TO SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE. ACCORDING TO INDIA N, ADDING, E. G., GERMANIES AND PRC WOULD MEAN JUSTIFIED DEMAND FOR MORE AFRO- ASIAN

AND LA REPRESENTATION. INDIAN DESCRIBED PRESENT EUROPEAN PREPONDERANCE AS DISTORTION STEMMING FROM OLD SOVIET-INVOKED TROIKA PRINCIPLE.

5. USDELOFFS RESPONDED THAT WE WERE AGAINST ANYTHING MORE THAN VERY LIMITED EXPANSION, SINCE COMPACT SIZE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MEMBERSHIP HAD CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OSC AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS. WE BELIEVE THAT NEW MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY FOR QUALIFIED COUNTRIES EXPRESSING DEFINITE INTEREST IN JOINING. WE ESPECIALLY WANTED TO AVOID SETTING IN MOTION OSC'S TRANSFORMATION INTO SOMETHING LIKE SEABEDS COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD BECOME VIRTUAL COMMITTEE OF WHOLE. WE ASKED INDIANS WHETHER THEY HAD ANY NEW INDICATION OF PRC ATTITUDE; THEY REPLIED NEGATIVELY.

6. DURING THIS CONVERSATION WE RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF MEMBERS WHO HAD SHOWN LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN COMMITTEE. WE NOTED THAT KENYA AND NIGERIA HAD EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. EGYPTIANS PICKED UP HING SPECIFICALLY REGARDING ALBANIA AND CHAD. THEY SAID FRENCH HAD SOUNDED ALBANIANS OUT ON QUESTION AND WERE RATHER SURPRISED BY ALBANIAN REPLY THAT ALBANIA NOT ONLY WISHED TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP BUT WOULD BE MUCH MORE ACTIVE ONCE PRC ALSO WAS MEMBER. AS TO CHAD, EGYPTIANS BELIEVED IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICABLE TO BROACH SUBJECT OF THEIR POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL DIRECTLY, ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS REGARDED NUMBER OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR OSC MEMBERSHIP. SCHAUFLE

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